

23 December 2004

Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur at **4:00 p.m.** on **Monday, 10 January 2005** in **BAC 132**. The AGENDA follows:

- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of 13 December 2004
- 2) Announcements and Communications
- 3) Business Arising from the Minutes
- 4) New Business
 - a) President's Office - Ad hoc Committee on Acadia's Graduation Ceremony **(045-21-PRE) ***
 - b) Honorary Degrees Committee - May 2005 Nominations as per material sent to Senators only for confidential vote at today's meeting **(045-22-HOD)**
 - c) Honorary Degrees Committee - Notice of Motion Re Establishment of Honorary Degree "Doctor of Humanities" **(045-23-HOD) ***
- 5) Other Business

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Jotcham
Registrar and Secretary of Senate

* Material Attached

Items Carried Over

- Curriculum Committee-Defining 'Liberal Education' (Dec 04)
- Registrar-Inactive courses (Dec 04)
- Registrar-Course requirements for various programs (Dec 04)
- Honorary Degrees Committee-Review of assessment procedure for professor emeritus standing for March 05 meeting (Dec 04)
- Timetable, Instruction Hours, and Examination Committee-Teaching hours guideline report (Dec 04)

Motion for Senate

Whereas the graduation ceremony is an important and public part of the academic life of this university, involving faculty, students and the wider community;

Whereas it is important that the content of these ceremonies reflect current values and practices of all interested parties;

Whereas the Senate of Acadia University, in its role of providing academic governance, has primary responsibility for the content of these ceremonies;

Be it resolved that an ad hoc committee of Senate be struck to examine all aspects of the current ceremony, to ensure that they are indeed in accordance with the values and practices of all interested parties, and to recommend changes where they are not. This committee will consist of a senator from each of the four faculties, two student senators, and the Vice-President Student Affairs, who will chair the committee. The Nominating committee will finalize the membership of this ad hoc committee, which will be called "the ad hoc committee to examine the graduation ceremony". This ad hoc committee will consult widely, and bring a report to Senate by the March meeting.

Gail Gottlieb
President and Vice-Chancellor
Acadia University

NOTICE OF MOTION

It is moved that a new Honorary Degree entitled 'Doctor of Humanities' be established at Acadia University.

Gail Dinter-Gottlieb, Chair
Honorary Degrees Committee